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SUBJECT: FORMER HAITAN PERMREP REQUESTS U.S. PRESIDENCY

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1. SUMMARY: ALTHOUGH FACTS RELATED BY RAOUL SICLAIT
CONCERNING FAMILY'S FALL FROM GRACE ARE SOMEWHAT SELF-
SERVING, IT IS NEVERTHELESS TRUE THAT THOSE MENTIONED REF (A)
HAVE IN EFFECT BEEN EXILED FROM HAITI. WE THINK QUESTION OF
VISAING RAOUL SICLAIT, ANTOINE MOSCOVA AND JERARD GAUCHIER
LESS COMPLEX THAN THAT OF VISING HENRI SICLAIT, BUT I ANY
EVENT RECOMMEND PROCEEDING SLOWLY ON ENTIRE MATTER IN
VIEW OF POSSIBLE POLITICAL CONNOTATION. EMD SUMMARY.

2. DISMISSAL OF HENRI SICALIAT AND ASSOCIATES WAS THE MOST
DRAMATIC STEP TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT IN RECENT YEARS. WHAT-
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EVER FULLY STORY MAY BE, HENRI SICLAIT AND FAMILY ENRICHED

THEMSELVES IN A TRULY GROSS MANNER OVER MANY YEARS AND THEIR DISMISSAL HAS BEEN TOUTED BY GOVERNMENT AS MAJOR STEP (A) AGAINST CORRUPTION AND (B) TOWARDS GREATER FISCALIZATION OF MAJOR SOURCE OF REVENUE -- THE REGIE DU TABAC. TOO PRECIPITATE AN ACTION BY USG IN ACCOMMODATING OUSTED "SCOUNDRELS" MIGHT INTRIGUE U.S. PRESS. IT MIGHT ALSO BE CONSTRUED BY GOH AS INDELICATE IF NOT UNFRIENDLY ACT. ALTHOUGH ALLEGATION BY HAITI OBSERVATEUR THAT SICLAIT WAS DISMISSED BECAUSE OF CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WITH AMBASSADOR MAY BE UNDERSTOOD HERE AS IMAGINATIVE EXILE WRITING, EARLY ACCOMMODATION COULD BE TAKEN BY ALL OBSERVERS AS CONFIRMATION NOT ONLY OF AN UNTRUTH BUT OF AN UNDESIRABLE SKEWING IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOH.

3. WITH THAT WORD OF CAUTION, WE THINK AN OPERABLE DISTINCTION CAN BE MADE BETWEEN RAOUL SICLAIT, MOSCOVA, AND GAUCHIER ON ONE SIDE AND HENRI SICLAIT ON THE OTHER. THE FORMER ARE MINOR FIGURES, OF WHOM RAOUL SICLAIT IS EVIDENTLY REGARDED REASONABLY FAVORABLY BY USUSN. THEY UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE PLENTY OF MONEY AND WOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE SUPPORTING THEMSELVES. ONLY TECHNICALITY TO CONSIDER WOULD BE FACT THAT GOH HAS INVALIDATED ALL SICLAIT PASSPORTS (REF B) AND HAS ASKED ALL GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED IN HAITI TO REFUSE VISAS TO THE HOLDERS OF THOSE PASSPORTS.

4. HENRI SICLAIT APPARENTLY INTENDS TO TAKE UP RESIDENCE IN FRANCE. HE IS VERY WEALTHY BUT HE IS ALSO NOW INFAMOUS. TO AVOID STIMULATING TALES OF COLLUSION AND CAMARADERIE WITH HENRI SICLAIT AND OTHER EXILES, WE WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND DEFERRING ACTION ON VISA REQUEST OF HENRI SICLAIT FOR SIX MONTHS OR SO.

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